



World's Most and Least Powerful Passports in 2022 and India's Position

- Japan, Singapore, and South Korea have the most powerful passports reversing pre-pandemic rankings that were dominated by European nations. As recently as 2017, Asian countries barely featured among the world's 10 most-accepted passports, according to the index.
- The index includes 199 different passports and 227 travel destinations.
- The index, which uses 17 years of data, helps wealthy individuals and governments assess the value of citizenships around the world based on which passports offer the most prolific visa-free, or visa-on-arrival access.



Top 5 Ranked Countries		
Country	Rank	Destinations
Japan	1	193
Singapore	2	192
South Korea	2	192
Germany	3	190
Spain	3	190

Bottom 5 Ranked Countries		
Country	Rank	Destinations
Afghanistan	112	27
Iraq	111	29
Syria	110	30
Pakistan	109	32
Yemen	108	34

Source: <https://www.henleyglobal.com/passport-index/ranking>

- US & UK passport are ranked 6th and 7th positions.
- **India's passport is ranked 87th** with visa-free access to 60 countries with strength improving in the last 10 years when it was ranked 74th with access to 52 countries.
- India's passport is still lowest ranked among the **BRIC nations**. **Brazil** is ranked highest at 19th position with visa-free access to 170 countries, while **Russia** is ranked 50th with access to 119 countries and **China** is ranked 69th with access to 80 countries.
- Still, with global travel yet to fully recover from Covid restrictions, the index offers only a notional snapshot of the best documents to hold as the world emerges from the pandemic.



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